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1. Individual newspaper reports which stated that Soviet State President Nikolai Shvernik demanded during his recent visit to the DDR that the East German middle-class parties be dissolved and merged to form a unified party (Einheitspartei) are false. On the contrary, a plan has been devised to give the leading functionaries, Bezirk and Kreis secretaries of all parties, uniform courses of instruction in organization and ideology based on the new organizational model of the Russian Communist Party. Uniform teaching plans are being organized; they will use the basic material of the Communist Party: Marxism, Leninism, and Stalinism. The educational directors of the East CDU, the East LDP, and the NDR have been instructed to add to the basic instruction plan special assignments in theory for their respective parties - for the CDU, the relationship of Christianity to the terminology of Stalinism; for the NDR, a theoretical demonstration that the German national heritage and Stalinism are reconcilable; and for the LDP theoretical proof that the concept of the economic initiative of the individual is in agreement with Stalinism.
2. While in Moscow Walter Ulbricht discussed the reorganization of the political structure of the DDR and, especially, the possibility of dissolving all East German parties other than the SED if the DDR is reorganized on the Soviet model following ratification of the Contractual Agreements. The result of these discussions was the decision to preserve the apparent multi-party structure of the DDR and to assign individual parties definite tasks. This special program for the middle-class parties is supposed to succeed where Soviet world-wide propaganda has failed: namely, in proving that such middle-class philosophies of life as Christianity, liberalism, and nationalism can be facets of Communism. The three East German bourgeois parties are therefore to show the world that they are not merely hang-overs from a former era but parties which have theoretical foundations peculiar to themselves which are actually forms of Stalinism. The uniform instruction program is currently being organized; the special programs for the middle-class parties are to be presented to a committee presided over by Ulbricht before the end of 1952.

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